

WordPress Security Checklist

Use this list to help make your WordPress more secure and less likely to become a victim. You can find more details and instructions about these items on our [Essential WordPress Security Checklist](#) post.

- ☐ All users have strong passwords
- ☐ All users have 2FA/MFA set up
- ☐ Limit login attempts
- ☐ Apply the Principle of Least Privilege
- ☐ Remove old / unused accounts
- ☐ Set up Akismet SPAM protection
- ☐ Add honeypots to forms
- ☐ Add CAPTCHAs to forms
- ☐ Add CAPTCHAs to login and registration forms (if used)
- ☐ Disable XML-RPC access
- ☐ Install and configure a security plugin
- ☐ Update WordPress
- ☐ Update Plugins
- ☐ Update Themes
- ☐ Remove inactive plugins
- ☐ Remove inactive themes (except Twenty-Twenty Five)
- ☐ Update PHP to 8.1+
- ☐ Turn on automatic updates for minor versions
- ☐ Set up daily off-site backups

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